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SUBJECT: CAIRO PRESS REACTION TO SHEEHAN ARTICLE

REF: STATE 055348

1. INITIAL CAIRO ARABIC PRESS REACTION TO SHEEHAN ARTICLE IS SPARSE AND LOW KEY. WHILE WE HAVE NOT SEEN SHEEHAN ARTICLE, IT APPEARS THAT PRESS HAS PUBLISHED ONLY ITEMS FAVORABLE TO EGYPT.

2. LEADING DAILY AHAM HAS SHORT ARTICLE ON FRONT PAGE TITLED "FORD TOLD SADAT THAT AMERICA'S OBJECTIVE IS WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAEL TO 1967 BORDERS." PAPER SAID SHEEHAN ARTICLE MAKES CLEAR THAT NIXON HAD GIVEN ASSURANCE ON US POSITION ON WITHDRAWAL TO 1967 BORDERS TO SADAT AND PRESIDENT ASAD AND THAT PRESIDENT FORD HAD REAFFIRMED NIXON POSITION TO SADAT IN SALZBURG. STATE DEPARTMENT, ACCORDING TO AHAM, DID NOT CORROBORATE ANY OF COMMENTS IN ARTICLE BY SHEEHAN "HWO NOW WORKS FOR HARVARD UNIVERSITY AND WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN ASSISTANT INFORMATION ATTACHE  
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FOR USIA IN CAIRO AND BEIRUT IN PERIOD 1957-61.

3. GUMHURIYYA HAS LONGER ARTICLE ON FRONT PAGE  
TITLED " AMERICA SUPPORTS WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAEL TO  
PRE-JUNE 1967 BORDERS." ARTICLE QUOTES SHEEHAN  
AS STATING NIXON AND FORD HAD AFFIRMED TO ARAB  
LEADERS DURING 1974 AND 1975 THAT US SUPPORTS  
WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAEL TO PRE-JUNE 1967 BORDERS.  
PAPER SAYS THIS INFORMATION APPEARS IN A DETAILED  
SHEEHAN REPORT OF DISCUSSIONS CONDUCTED BY  
DR. KISSINGER ON MIDDLE EAST CRISIS DURING PAST  
TWO YEARS. IT MENTIONS THAT KISSINGER FELT IN HIS  
DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT SADAT THAT HE WAS  
DEALING WITH A "ATATESMAN" WHO WAS INSISTENT ON  
MOVING TOWARD PEACE. ARTICLE ALSO STATES THAT  
KISSINGER FELT "BITTERNESS" IN HIS NEGOTIATIONS  
WITH THE ISRAELIS WHICH MADE HIM CONCLUDE THAT  
ISRAEL HAD NO FOREIGN POLICY AND THAT ISRAELIS  
MAKING GRAVE MISTAKE BY ESTABLISHING SETTLEMENTS  
IN GOLAN. IN HEATED MEETING ON MARCH 22, 1975,  
KISSINGER CRITICIZED ISRAELIS AND SAID THEY WERE  
DESTROYING THEMSELVES AND WARNED THEM THEY WOULD  
HAVE TO GIVE UP SETTLEMENTS AND RETURN TO 1967  
BORDERS. SHEEHAN ARTICLE ALSO QUOTED AS  
STATING KISSINGER WANTS TO AMELIORATE HIS  
ATTITUDE TOWARD PALESTINIANS SAYING "CONTACTS  
BETWEEN US AND PLO CANNOT LEAD TO ANY BASIC RESULT  
AND CREATION OF PALESTINE STATE IN ANY FORM WITHOUT  
AGREEMENT OF US." GUMHURIYYA ARTICLE ENDS  
SAYING STATE DEPT SAYS "EX-DIPLOMAT" SHEEHAN  
VIOLATED TRUST BY PUBLISHING INFORMATION GIVEN  
HIM FOR BACKGROUND ONLY.  
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